

States of America near the town of Kittrell, in the county of Vance, under a charter granted by the General Assembly of North Carolina, March the seventh, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven; and whereas, we desire to widen our sphere of usefulness and obtain a more uniform and effective organization for said school, therefore we ask further legislation from the State of North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

- Body politic.** SECTION 1. That J. P. Campbell, W. D. Cook, James W. Telfair, W. Duke, R. B. Fitzgerald, H. H. Hall, N. L. Jeffries, J. S. Carr, William H. Giles, J. E. C. Borhan, Stewart Ellison, B. B. Goins, J. E. Sampson, J. W. O. Daniels, G. F. Bowers, W. E. Coleman, Anderson Edwell, C. W. Raney, Wadkins Roberts, Charles O. Winstead, W. T. Blackwell, T. B. Keogh, G. A. Guthrie, John O. Kelly, G. W. Rogers, Jocklin Strange, J. E. W. Moore, W. H. Hunter, E. H. Balden, John Copening, P. G. Alexander, R. H. W. Leak, and their successors in office, only elected and appointed as hereinafter provided, be and are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate in law and in
- Corporate name** fact to have perpetual succession by the name and style of the Kittrell Normal and Industrial Institute of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and by that name and style shall have perpetual
- Corporate powers** succession, and shall forever be capable in law to take, receive and hold all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities and other hereditaments; and the said institution shall be under the control of the said African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Corporate powers** SEC. 2. The said corporation may have a common seal, may sue and be sued, may take, in gift or otherwise, lease, hold, sell and convey real and personal property not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, may make by-laws, elect members and officers of the corporation and do all other acts necessary for the support, control and good government beneficial to the said institution of learning.
- Authorized to confer degrees.** SEC. 3. The faculty of the said school, together with the trustees, may confer such degrees and marks of literary distinction, and any other such degrees, as in their opinion, may promote the object of the corporation.
- Corporate body.** SEC. 4. The corporation shall consist of thirty-six members for the next four years succeeding the ratification of this act, and for all time thereafter the corporation shall consist of nineteen members, who shall be elected by the members of the corporation at their annual meeting: *Provided, however,* that a majority of the members of said corporation shall always be members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, under the direction of the North Carolina and Virginia conferences of the aforesaid church.
- Proviso.**
- Election of members.** SEC. 5. The members of the corporation shall be elected annually after the expiration of the term specified in section four of this act.
- Vacancies.** SEC. 6. The corporation shall have power to fill vacancies occurring from resignation, death or any other cause.